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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y -- PARA TWO --

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, OAS, CS

SUBJECT: FACIO COMMENTS ON OAS AND CUBA

1. UPON HIS RETURN FROM BOGOTA AND CARACAS ON AUGUST 29,  
COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO TOLD THE PRESS, AS  
REPORTED AUGUST 30, ABOUT IMMINENT MOVES IN THE OAS TO REMOVE  
SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA.

2. FACIO WAS REPORTED SAYING THE OAS COUNCIL WOULD  
MEET IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 12-15, AND FOREIGN MINISTERS  
FROM COLOMBIA, BENEZUELA, AND HE WOULD PARTICIPATE.  
FACIO APPARETNLY SAID THAT THE PROCESS OF LIFTING THE  
EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA WAS NOT MEANT TO PLACE CUBA  
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IN THE BENCH OF THE ACCUSED, BUT WOULD DEMONSTRATE

THAT THE REASONS THAT MOTIVATED THE BLOCKADE ARE NOT NOW VALID. FACIO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE OAS COUNCIL COULD NOT TAKE THE DECISION TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS SINCE THIS ACTION COULD ONLY BE TAKEN BY THE MINISTERS' MEETING AS THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION. THE COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, HE REPORTEDLY SAID, WOULD SIMPLY RECOGNIZE THE FACT OF THE CHANGED SITUATION WITH REGARD TO CUBA.

3. THE NEWSPAPER REPORT OF FACIO'S REMARKS SAID THAT A MEETING OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION WOULD BE CALLED FOR NOVEMBER IN A LATIN AMERICAN CAPITAL NOT OF THOSE COUNTRIES PRESENTING THE PROPOSAL. THIS MEETING, FACIO REPORTEDLY SAID, WOULD VOTE ON LIFTING THE SANCTIONS AD HE PREDICTED THAT THEY WOULD BE REMOVED.

4. FACIO REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT IN THIS ACTION IS NO IMPLICATION THAT "WE ARE INVITING CUBA TO ENTER THE OAS. WE ARE NOT INVITING CUBA NOR ARE WE INTERESTED IN DOING SO."

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